

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 3, line 30, please amend the paragraph as follows:

FIGURE 2 depicts an exploded view of the flap bearing assembly ~~30b~~30. The bearing assembly 30 includes an outboard bearing element 34 and an inboard bearing element 32 disposed within an outer housing ~~42b~~42. The outer housing 42 includes a first section 45 and a second section 47.

On page 4, line 1, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The manufacture of the bearing assembly is a several step process. Initially, a primary bond is created within each bearing element. More specifically, the inner and outer race of each bearing element, ~~62 and 67~~ 64 and 66 respectively for the inboard bearing element, 64 and 66 for the outboard bearing element, is bonded to an elastomeric element 54 disposed between the inner and outer race of each bearing element. The primary bond adheres the race elements directly to the elastomeric element 54. In a presently preferred embodiment, the primary bond is created by injecting the elastomeric element into a mold created by the placement of the respective race elements. Upon solidification of the injected elastomeric material the primary bond is formed. However, other primary bond methods are considered within the scope of this invention. Once the primary bond is created between the inner race and the outer race of inboard bearing element 32 and the outboard bearing element 34 the respective bearing elements are ready for the next process.

On page 4, line 13, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The inboard bearing element 32 is inserted into a first section 45 of the outer housing ~~42b~~42. The inboard bearing element 32 is inserted with the conical taper directed toward a second section 47 of the outer housing. Upon inserting of the internal bearing element 32, the

inner race of the inboard bearing element 62 extends a distance into an area of the second section 47.

On page 4, line 18, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Upon insertion or slightly thereafter, a secondary bond is created between the outer race of the inboard bearing element 67 and an inner surface of the outer housing ~~42b~~42. In the preferred embodiment, the secondary bond is an adhesion. However, any other bond commonly known in the art is considered within the scope of this invention.

On page 4, line 22, please amend the paragraph as follows:

FIGURE 3 depicts another view of the bearing assembly 40. The outboard bearing element 34 is inserted into the second section 47 of the outer housing ~~42b~~42. The outboard bearing element 34 is inserted with the conical taper directed toward the inboard bearing element 32, thus creating an opposed bearing couple.

On page 4, line 26, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The insertion of the outboard bearing 34 into the outer housing ~~42b~~42 yields several occurrences. First, the inner race of the outboard bearing element 64 is pressure fit into the inner race of the outboard bearing element 64. Simultaneously, another secondary bond, similar to the other secondary bond, is created between the outer race of the outboard bearing 66 and an inner surface of the outer housing ~~42b~~42. Also, simultaneously, the bearing pre-load is applied to the bearing assembly. The bearing pre-load is preferably about 8,500 to about 15,000 pounds. However, any pre-load range is considered within the scope of this invention. At this point, the bearing assembly is nearly complete.